

Gay and Lesbian

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a profile of
candidates' positions
on issues affecting
gay men and lesbians

2001

GENERAL ELECTION

LEHIGH COUNTY

with information about :

County Executive, County Commissioner,
Mayor, City Council and School Board races

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, Nov. 6



PA-GALA

Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance
for political action



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GAY & LESBIAN VOTE
PENNSYLVANIA GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE
for political action

Voter Information from PA-GALA - General Election- Tuesday, November 6, 2001

LEHIGH COUNTY EXECUTIVE

LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT LARGE

PA-GALA has endorsed both candidates in this race. finding them

Daniel McNeill D

Joseph P. Maher R

- ★ Did not complete questionnaire, but on Primary '99 questionnaire indicated that he supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment that includes sexual orientation.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
✓Derr Maher	★ ★	★ 0	★ 0	★ 0

LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

✓ Daniel K. McCarthy D
★★ Endorsed by PA-GALA

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners, "but first a standard of uniformity and consistency must be established for both same-sex and non same-sex partners of county employees."
- ★ Was first candidate to attend Pride Festival (1996).
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
✓McCarthy	★	★	★	★

LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

Nicholas E. Englesson D

- ★ "I cannot think of any circumstances under which anybody should be denied services available to other individuals simply on the basis of sexual orientation."

Did not respond: Kevin P. Ryan R

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
Englesson	★	★	➤	➤

ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL 4 year term

✓ Gail Hoover D

★★ Endorsed by PA-GALA

★★ Endorsed by Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★★ Actively lobbied City Council and other organizations for passage of the amendment to add sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance (1998).
- ★ Supports domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Bureau.
- ★ PA-GALA Member.
- ★ PA-GALA Rainbow Team supporter.
- ★ FACT supporter.
- ★★ Founding board member of Lehigh Valley Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Board member and volunteer of several other Lehigh Valley GLBT organizations.
- ★ "I am proud to have been a member of this active vital community for so many years. I look forward to serving the community and the City of Allentown as a City Council Member."
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

✓ Julio A. Guridy D

★★ Endorsed by PA-GALA

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor an amendment to add sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports domestic partner benefits for city employees.
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Bureau.
- ★★ Co-founder of AIDS NET, also founded Latino AIDS Outreach Program, and expanded the program to Harrisburg, Reading, and Lancaster.
- ★★ Testified in favor of adding sexual orientation to the Anti-discrimination Ordinance at City Council meeting in 1998.
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

David M. Howells, Sr. D

- ★ Met with PA-GALA to talk seriously about anti-discrimination legislation and gay and lesbian issues. Has said he would consider anti-

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR

✓ **Candido J. Garcia D**
 ★★ **Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers, on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ★ Running on a platform that outlines a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation.

Mare Shaffer D

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers, on the basis of sexual orientation.
- When asked what should the school district do to prevent harassment of gay and lesbian students, responded: "I would have to hear some specific incidents to formulate an answer to this."

Jeanette Eichenwald D

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers on the basis of sexual orientation.
- When asked if teachers should be permitted to tell students that historical or literary figures were gay or lesbian said, "No, it is not related to their achievements or historical importance."

Did not respond: Sandra H. Stecker **R**.

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
✓Garcia	★	★	★	★	★
Shaffer	★	★	★	★	➤
Eichenwald	★	★	➤	★	★

MAYOR OF BETHLEHEM

MAYOR OF EMMAUS

Winfred lobst D

- ★ Supports a local ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ↓ Does not support benefits for same-sex partners of borough employees in the absence of legal marriage.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING
lobst	★	↓	★	↓

EMMAUS BOROUGH COUNCIL

John F. Belin, Jr. D

- ★★ Will introduce or cosponsor and work actively for the passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports benefits for same-sex partners of city employees.

Brent Labenberg R

- ★ Will introduce or cosponsor an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- Supports same-sex partner benefits only if partners pay for them, did not indicate what benefits he would support.

Craig B. Neely R

- ↓ Opposes an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.
- ↓ Opposes domestic partner benefits.
- ↓ Mistakenly believes that gay men and lesbians already have the same rights that are conferred upon all Americans even though he is an attorney.

Did not respond: Adam Bean **D.**, Roger S. Whitcomb **D.**,
 Dennis Gouldy **R.**

No data: Cheryl Abbott Reichley **R**

Donna Cunningham D

- ↓ Did not respond to questionnaire.
- ★ Issued a proclamation for the Pride Festival.

BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL

Did not respond: Jean Belinski D., John Callahan D.,
Jim DelGrosso D., Mike Schweder D.

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR

✓ **Craig T. Haytmanek**
★★ **Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports formation of student Gay Straight Alliances.
- ★ Supports a policy prohibiting discrimination in the hiring and promotion of school employees, including teachers on the basis of sexual orientation.
- "I support diversity of attitudes and beliefs."

Did not respond: Charlene Koch, Julie S. Venanzi

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
✓Haytmanek★		★	★	★	★

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING
Belin	★★	★	★	★
Labenberg	★	➤	↓	↓
Neely	↓	↓	↓	➤

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER

Steven A. Ament R

- ↓ "I do not feel free benefits that are for married couples should apply. These benefits are designed to raise a family."

Did not respond: Jerry Palagonia D., Philip Ginder D.,
Linda K. Snyder D., Bruce Geisler R., Barbara Magro R.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING
Ament	★	↓	★	↓

PARKLAND SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Robert M. Cohen D

- Did not respond to questionnaire, but sent statement indicating he would support Federal laws as outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

Did not respond: Rebecca L. Orioski D., Jim Archibald R.,
Jayne R. Bartlett R., Eileen W. Ufberg R.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Did not respond: Eileen B. Abruzzi D., Dominic E. Bellucci, Jr. R.,
Christine M. Parola R., Tom Rummel R., Joyce Wheeler R.

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✓ Endorsed ; ★★ excellent; ★ good; ➤ neutral; ↓ poor; ↓↓ unacceptable; 0 no basis ✕ RADICAL RIGHT

MAYOR OF ALLENTOWN

✓ Roy Afflerbach D ★★ Endorsed by PA-GALA

- ★★ Will call on City Council to pass and will actively support the addition of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of city employees. "A legally binding life-sharing contractual document should be required in lieu of a marriage certificate."
- ★ Will re-establish funding for Allentown Human Relations Bureau.
- ★ Will not retain City Solicitor Robert P. Daday.
- ★★ As a State Senator cosponsored a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWA's and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ★★ As a State Senator cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill (1995-1998).
- ★ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ↓ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages (1996).
- ★ Publicly advocated amending the Allentown Anti-discrimination Ordinance to include sexual orientation, from the stage of the 1998 Pride Festival.
- ★ PA-GALA Member.
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

Bob Lovett R

- ★★ Will call on City Council to pass and will actively support the addition of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of city employees (position changed since primary).
- ↓ Lovett has said publicly and to PA-GALA that he will retain Robert P. Daday as City Solicitor even though Daday has worked actively to remove existing protections and blocked new anti-discrimination policies that included sexual orientation and has made public anti-gay rights statements.
- ★ "One half of my United Way contributions go to the Aids Services Center, Inc."
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
✓Afflerbach	★★	★	★★	★	★★
Lovett	★	★	★	↓	★

- ↓ discrimination legislation.
- ↓ As an Allentown City Councilman would not cosponsor or support the amendment of sexual orientation to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance.

Emma Tropiano D

- ↓ Did not respond to questionnaire: Information taken from other sources and previous questionnaires.
- ↓↓ Told PA-GALA she would cosponsor the amendment to the City's Anti-discrimination Ordinance in 1998 if they postponed the introduction of the amendment until after the election, which they did. After the election, refused to cosponsor when the legislation was brought up.
- ↓ Voted to disband the Allentown Human Relations Bureau in 1993.

Edward Foster R

- ↓ Opposes re-establishing funding for Allentown Human Relations Commission.
- ↓ Made joke in response to AIDS question: "wear a condom".

Did not respond: Tom Burke R, Tim Hecht R.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
✓Hoover	★★	★	★	★★	★
✓Guridy	★★	★	★	★	★
Howells	➤	↓	➤	➤	➤
Tropiano	↓↓	0	0	0	0
Foster	0	0	➤	↓	↓

✓ Endorsed ; ★★ excellent; ★ good; ➤ neutral; ↓ poor; ↓↓ unacceptable; 0 no basis ✗ RADICAL RIGHT

both to be supportive on our issues and willing to work for our rights.

✓ **Matthew T. Croslis D**
 ★★ **Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of county employees in positions where these benefits are extended to the spouses of county employees.
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

✓ **Jane R. Ervin R**
 ★★ **Endorsed by PA-GALA**

- ★ Contacted State Senate Majority Leader Brightbill to encourage him to move Hate Crimes Bill to Senate floor for a vote.
- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ★ "Having a strong gay and lesbian population is a real positive for economic development because companies know that all of their employees will be accepted and happy in this community."
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
✓Croslis	★	★	★	★
✓Ervin	★	0	➤	★

- ★ Supports a non-discrimination policy for county employment and county contracts that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ↓ Does not support extending benefits to same-sex partners of county employees in positions where these benefits are extended to the spouses of county employees in the absence of legal marriage.

Roger C. Reis R

- ↓ Did not respond to questionnaire, but returned a statement that contained:
- ★ "Sexual orientation should not be a factor when considering the hiring or promotion of an individual, or in the awarding of contracts."
- ↓ "The issue of health and welfare benefits for same-sex partners is best resolved at the state level."

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	AIDS	FUNDING
McNeil	★	↓	➤	↓
Reis	★	↓	0	0

LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

Did not respond: Sterling H. Raber. **R.**

LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Did not respond: Percy H. Dougherty **R.**

LEHIGH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

✓ **Kurt Derr D**
 ★★ **Endorsed by PA-GALA**

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- ★ Supports extending benefits to same-sex partners of county employees in positions where their benefits are extended to the spouses of county employees.
- ★ Has attended PA-GALA events.

PA-GALA

The Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance for political action is the biggest gay and lesbian political organization in the state of Pennsylvania and the only political organization fighting for the rights of gay men and lesbians in the Lehigh Valley, and at the state and federal levels.

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ENDORSEMENTS General Election 2001

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LEHIGH COUNTY

Lehigh County Executive

MATTHEW T. CROSLIS - Democrat

JANE R. ERVIN - Republican

Lehigh County Commissioner - Dist. 3

KURT DERR - Democrat

Lehigh County Commissioner - Dist. 4

DANIEL K. MCCARTHY - Democrat

Mayor of Allentown

ROY AFFLERBACH - Democrat

Allentown City Council

GAIL HOOVER - Democrat

JULIO A. GURIDY - Democrat

Allentown School Director

CANDIDO J. GARCIA - Democrat

Bethlehem Area School Director

CRAIG T. HAYMANEK - Dem & Rep



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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**Northampton County Council
JOE BRENNAN - Democrat**

**Bethlehem Area School Director
CRAIG T. HAYMANEK - Dem & Rep**

**Easton City Council
MICHAEL P. FLECK - Democrat**



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